GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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NEW VARIETIES OF TEA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tea Board has introduced some new varieties of tea in the country during 1999 and 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas identified for plantation of these new varieties of tea;

(d) whether the Government have asked the Tea Board to introduce new varieties of tea for non-traditional growing areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : Breeding of new varieties of tea is an ongoing process undertaken by research institutes recognized by the Tea Board. The Tea Research Association in Assam and United Planters` Association of Southern India in Tamil Nadu are the major institutes dealing with research in tea.

(c) : No specific areas have been identified for planting of new varieties of tea.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e) : Does not arise.